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BELARBI'S INTEREST LIE GENERALLY IN "CULTURAL" AREA. HE AVAILABLE FOR FULL AVERAGE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM MEETING PERSONS AND OBSERVING INSTITUTIONS IN MAJOR URBAN CENTERS THROUGH A FARMSTAY. STANDARD DIETARY RESTRICTIONS FOR MOSELEMS - NO PORK OR ALCHOL - APPLY. SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH BUT WILL REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER/ESCORT. HE HAS PROPOSED TO TAKE HIS WIFE AT HIS EXPENSE BUT HAS BEEN DISCOURAGED FROM DOING SO; FINAL DECISION YET TO BE MADE.

BELARBI WANTS TO VISIT ONE OR TWO MEDIUM-SIZED UNIVERSITIES TO OBSERVE ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY AND TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS. SUGGEST ONE STATE AND ONE PRIVATE INSTITUTION WITH STUDENT BODIES OF ABOUT 25,000.
AT PRINCETON HE WOULD MEET AND OLD ACQUAINTANCE, MARGOT CUTTER, FORMER CAO RABAT, AND OBSERVE THE ARABIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT.
IF A PROMINENT BOOK/MANUSCRIPT RESTORER IS IN RESIDENCE AT PRINCETON BELARBI WOULD LIKE TO CHAT WITH HIM. IF NOT, HE SHOULD VISIT THE MORGAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK AND MEET THERE WITH SUCH AN EXPERT. ROYAL COLLECTION OF MANUSCRIPTS HERE IS IN GREAT NEED OF BOTH CATALOGING AND RESTORATION AT PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. AT COLUMBIA BELARBI SHOULD MEET WITH PROFESSOR RICHARD MORRIS WHO IS ENGAGED IN A PROJECT TO EFFECT A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS RELATING BILATERAL RELATIONS SINCE REVOLUTION. MUSEUMS DEVOTED TO ARCHEOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY
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SHOULD BE ON BELARBI'S ITINERARY. SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, N.Y.

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN BROOKLYN MUSEUM, SAN DIEGO ZOO, AND
ONE OR TWO MUSEUMS IN SMALLER TOWNS SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED.
IN THE LATTER CATEGORY MUSEUMS THAT FORM PART OF A COMMUNITY
CULTURAL COMPLEX WOULD BE PREFERABLE SINCE THE GOM IS NOW PLANNING
SUCH AN INSTITUTION FOR RABAT AND IS INTERESTED IN THE EXPERIENCE
OF OTHER COMMUNITIES.

BELARBI WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A MAJOR NEWSPAPER (NEW YORK TIMES,
WASHINGTON POST;) FOR AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE PREPARATION OF A
GREAT METROPOLITAN DAILY. HE WOULD ENJOY SUMMER THEATRE OR
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, AND ANY MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. HE
EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HOLLYWOOD MOVIE AND TV PRODUCTION
AND IN VISITING DISNEYLAND.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF A STATE AND A MEDIUM SIZED CITY INTEREST
BELARBI AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO OBSERVE EXAMPLES
OF THESE ACTIVITIES. ONE OR TWO SHORT FARMSTAYS ON SMALL GENERAL
FARMS (AS DISTINCT FROM LARGE, ONE OR TWO CROP AGRIBUSINESSES)
WOULD BE WELCOME.
AMONG PERSONS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET, IF FEASIBLE,
DR. SAMI HANNA OF UTAH STATE, PROFESSOR A.A. SAID OF
AMERICAN UNIV, RICHARD HOLBROOK, MANAGING EDITOR "FOREIGN POLICY".
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